

July 18, 2012

Newport Public Library Board

Present: Ted Smith, Carol Ruggeri, Chuck Norman, Sheryl Eldridge (note-taker)

The meeting opened at 5:20 p.m. Not enough Board members were present to make a quorum.

Ted brought up ideas for proceeding with a strategic plan. He found a list of Oregon businesses that do strategic planning. The State Library no longer does this for free. He can get some prices to bring to the Foundation meeting next month. Ted will query the LIBS-OR listserv for recommendations for a strategic planner. Some of his ideas are to send out paper surveys in water bills, do online surveys, and to have three or four offsite focus groups, perhaps at a school, Centro de Ayuda, and retirement homes, to reach different groups of stakeholders. He asked the Board members to think about other natural groups to reach out to.

The new cataloging system is getting better all the time, as we solve problems daily. The first set of statistics is in, but is not yet accurate. We don't think it shows the materials borrowed from other libraries. We don't get many items from the Chinook libraries dropped off anymore. And we haven't been receiving many complaints.

The meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.